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Master. In my view, the State's 2002 Legislative Redistricting Plan, subject to the change proposed by the Special Master, meets Maryland Constitutional requirements and is, therefore, valid. See Md. Const., art. III, § 4. In addition, the Final Plan adopted by the Court today raises serious concerns pursuant to section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. See 42 U.S.C. § 1973 (1965).

Accordingly, I respectfully dissent, for reasons to be set forth in a dissenting opinion later to be filed when the Court's opinion is filed.

Amended Order follows:

* In the

IN THE MATTER OF

* Court of Appeals

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING

of Maryland

OF THE STATE

- * Misc. Nos. 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27
- * 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34
- * September Term, 2001

AMENDED ORDER

By Order dated June 21, 2002, the Court of Appeals promulgated and adopted a legislative districting plan for the State of Maryland.

Thereafter, having reconsidered the language of § (d) of the General Provisions of the Order, it is this 25th of day of June, 2002,

ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that § (d) of the General Provisions of the Order dated June 21, 2002, is hereby amended to state as follows: